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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action of December 10, 2002, subjecting the present claims 1-78 to an election requirement.

The election requirement was unclear to the Applicants and the Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to provide further clarification of the requirement. The Examiner has explained that the requirement is to elect a species by identifying an incorporation method for the sizing dispersion and sizing promoter, a sizing dispersion, a cationic polymer component of the sizing promoter, and an anionic polymer sizing promoter, all of which will define the elected species of the present invention.

Based on Applicant's present understanding of the election requirement, Applicant provisionally elects for prosecution on the merits, with traverse, a species directed to a process for sizing paper wherein the sizing dispersion and the sizing promoter are added separate, and wherein the sizing dispersion is an anionic sizing dispersion containing an anionic aromatic polymer that is a step-growth polymer such as naphthalene sulfonate condensation polymer, and the sizing promoter comprises a

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cationic aromatic polysaccharide and an anionic step-growth polymer such as naphthalene sulfonate condensation polymer. It is believed that claims 1-78 read upon the elected species.


However, the election requirement is transversed because it is believed that a search and examination of all of the species at one time would not impose a serious burden on the Patent Office. Further, Applicants note that in the process for sizing paper described in the application, it is important that the sizing dispersion and the sizing promoter are added separately to the fiber suspension and none of the claims cover an embodiment wherein the sizing dispersion and the sizing promoter are added together as is set forth in the election requirement as a species of incorporation method. It is respectfully requested that the instant election/restriction be removed.

In accordance with Section 714.01 of the M.P.E.P., the following information is presented in the event that the Examiner deems a call desirable:

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